



# **DRAFT MINUTES**

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE**

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Wednesday, November 18, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Chair  
Rep. Brad M. Daw, Chair  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow  
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Brian S. King  
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee  
Rep. Kelly B. Miles

Rep. Paul Ray  
Rep. Rex P. Shipp  
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Robert M. Spendlove  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward

**Staff Present:**

Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
Daniel M. Cheung, Associate General Counsel  
Christopher Williams, Associate General Counsel  
Amy Hawkes, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Daw called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

### **1 . COVID-19: An Update**

Dr. Angela Dunn, State Epidemiologist, Utah Department of Health, gave an overview of COVID-19 case numbers and hospitalizations in Utah and answered committee questions.

Rich Saunders, Interim Manager, Utah Department of Health, gave some recommendations for holiday gatherings during the pandemic, gave some information on the potential changes for the upcoming emergency order and things that will stay the same, and answered committee questions.

Nathan Checketts, COVID-19 Testing Manager, Utah Department of Health, gave an update on testing in Utah and answered committee questions.

Heather Borski, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Health, gave an update on the Utah Public Health Lab and contact tracing.

### **2 . Committee Business**

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2020, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-15

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0Absent-2

Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. R. Ward

Dr. Angela Dunn addressed whether xylitol has been proven effective in preventing or treating COVID-19.

Nathan Checketts said that consumers may report concerns regarding price gouging and hoarding during COVID-19 to the National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline.

Rep. Ray indicated that consumers may make similar reports to the Utah Department of Commerce.

Chair Daw and the Committee recognized Dr. Joseph K. Miner, Deputy Director and Chief Medical Advisor, and former Executive Director, Utah Department of Health, for his service in guiding the department.

Rich Saunders commented regarding Dr. Miner.

### **3 . Sunset Review: Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Coordinating Committee**

Sen. Christensen presented draft legislation "Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Coordinating Committee Extension" and indicated he would like Senator-elect John Johnson to carry the bill in the Senate.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to recommend "Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Coordinating Committee Extension" (2021FL-0747/002). The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-15

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0Absent-2

Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. R. Ward

### **4 . Mental Health: Access to Services**

Sen. Escamilla presented draft legislation "Mental Health Access Amendments" and answered committee questions.



Michelle McOmber, CEO, Utah Medical Association, spoke in favor the bill and answered committee questions.

**MOTION:** Sen. Escamilla moved to recommend "Mental Health Access Amendments" (2021FL-0706/003).  
The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-14

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. R. Ward

## 5 . Utah Marriage Commission

### [5.2 DRAFT LEGISLATION: Marriage Commission Amendments](#)

### [5.3 PRESENTATION: Utah Marriage Commission](#)

Rep. Melissa Ballard presented draft legislation "Marriage Commission Amendments" and answered committee questions.

Brian Higginbotham, Associate Vice President, Utah State University Extension, spoke to the university's partnership with the Utah Marriage Commission.

Lana Stohl, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Human Services, spoke in favor of the draft legislation.

**MOTION:** Rep. Barlow moved to recommend "Utah Marriage Commission Amendments" (2021FL-0738/003).  
The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 5 - 2.

Yeas-10

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray

Nays-5

Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. E. Vickers

Absent-2

Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. R. Ward

## 6 . Delegation of Health Care Services

Mark Steinagel, Director, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Utah Department of Commerce, introduced the division's report and noted that the United States Air Force views Utah as a model of occupational licensing reciprocity for military spouses.



Jeff Busjahn, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Utah Department of Commerce, reported on the division's effort to identify health care services that an unlicensed individual may perform without delegation by a health care provider. A related rulemaking hearing will be held on December 7, 2020.

## 7 . Medical Cannabis: Reports

Dr. Marc Babitz, Director of the Division of Family Health and Preparedness, Utah Department of Health, Department Advisor to the Cannabinoid Product Board, and Chair of the Compassionate Use Board, introduced the presenters for each annual report and answered committee questions.

### [7.5 PRESENTATION: Cannabinoid Product Board Annual Report Summary \(Source: Utah Department of Health\)](#)

Dr. Perry Fine, Chair of the Cannabinoid Product Board, gave a presentation on the board's annual report.

### [7.6 PRESENTATION: Compassionate Use Board Annual Report \(Source: Utah Department of Health\)](#)

Dr. Angelo Peter Giardino, Vice-Chair of the Compassionate Use Board, Chair of the Pediatrics at the University of Utah School of Medicine, and Chief Medical Officer at Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital, gave a presentation on the board's annual report and answered committee questions.

## 8 . Medical Cannabis: 2021 Legislation

Sen. Vickers gave an update on potential amendments to Utah's current medical cannabis statutes.

Sen. Escamilla talked about a bill she is working on related to medical cannabis.

## 9 . Medicaid: Accountable Care Organizations

### [9.1 DRAFT LEGISLATION: Joint Resolution Recognizing the Success of the Utah Medicaid Accountable Care Program](#)

Rep. Thurston presented draft legislation "Joint Resolution Recognizing the Success of the Utah Medicaid Accountable Care Program."

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to recommend "Joint Resolution Recognizing the Success of the Utah Medicaid Accountable Care Program" (2021FL-0599/005). The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

#### Yeas-14

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. E. Vickers

#### Nays-0

#### Absent-3

Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. R. Ward

## 10 . Adjourn



**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-14

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. R. Ward

Chair Daw adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.